



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

AUG 26 2011

Stefan Passantino
McKenna Long & Aldridge
1900 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Michael Steele and Belinda Cook

Dear Mr. Passantino:

On March 30, 2010, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") notified Michael Steele and Belinda Cook that the Commission, in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, had ascertained information indicating that they may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On August 17, 2011, and after considering all the information, the Commission took no action regarding Michael Steele and Belinda Cook, in their individual capacities, and closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed.Reg. 70426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg 66132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1548.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elena Paoli". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Elena Paoli
Attorney

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